United States Embassy Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Reminder of Worldwide Caution July 2, 2015

As the end of Ramadan and the July 4th holiday approach, the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur reminds all U.S. citizens of the need for caution and awareness of personal security. In the past, terrorist organizations have, on occasion, planned their attacks to coincide with significant dates on the calendar.

While the U.S. Embassy is not aware of specific threats to U.S. citizens in Malaysia at this time, we encourage you to review the State Department's January 9, 2015 <u>Worldwide Caution</u>:

The Department of State remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests overseas. On September 22, 2014, the United States and regional partners commenced military action against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated terrorist organization in Syria and Iraq. In response to the airstrikes, ISIL called on supporters to attack foreigners wherever they are. Authorities believe there is an increased likelihood of reprisal attacks against U.S., Western and coalition partner interests throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, and Asia

Extremists may elect to use conventional or non-conventional weapons, and target both official and private interests. Examples of such targets include high-profile sporting events, residential areas, business offices, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, public areas, shopping malls, and other tourist destinations both in the United States and abroad where U.S. citizens gather in large numbers, including during holidays.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>,
 Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Malaysia Country Specific Information</u>.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>)to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia, located at 376 Jalan Tun Razak 50400, Kuala Lumpur, at +(03) 2168-4979, 8:00 am 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +(03) 2168-5000. Check the embassy's website for the most up-to-date information.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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